INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU
SHOOTING REVIEW SUMMARY
IAB #SH2246590
FILE #009-07004-0375-013

Involved Employees:	**Gonzalo Galvez, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]**
	Michael Carpenter, Deputy Sheriff #[redacted]
Date:	**July 10, 2009 (Friday)**
Time:	**Approximately 2046 hours**
Location:	**Alley east of [redacted] Berendo Avenue Los Angeles, California 90044**

SYNOPSIS

At the above date and time, Lennox Station Deputies Gonzalo Galvez (driver) and Michael Carpenter (book man) were involved in a shooting with Suspect Woodrow Wilson Player III, M/B, 22. The suspect was shot after he pointed what Deputy Galvez and Carpenter believed was a handgun at them. Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Rod Kusch and Sergeants Laura Haynes and Dinah Grote responded to the command post and later to the scene.

> **IAB Note:** IAB Lieutenant Kusch checked to see that the watch commander, Lieutenant [redacted] took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with involved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, and that the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, Lieutenant Kusch checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor (Sergeant Joe Valencia) until they have provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

SUMMARY

Suspect Player, who [redacted] with Assault Victim [redacted] entered her home at the [redacted] and placed a loaded .357 caliber handgun to her ribs, threatening to kill her. When the suspect fled this location, Victim [redacted] dialed 9-1-1 and reported the incident.

> **IAB Note:** The 9-1-1 call placed by Victim [redacted] stops abruptly (refer to verbatim transcript under 9-1-1 call in the miscellaneous section of this case file). The deputy attempted to call the victim back several times but there was no answer.

Deputies responded to the location regarding a brandishing a handgun/domestic violence call. Prior to the deputies' arrival, information was received that the suspect fled in a gray Chevrolet Malibu, with tinted windows, and was possibly armed. While driving north on New Hampshire Avenue, Deputies Galvez and Carpenter noticed a gray Chevrolet Malibu, with tinted windows, drive south on New Hampshire Avenue from Imperial Highway. The vehicle immediately pulled into the parking lot of "Laker's Liquor" at [redacted] West Imperial Highway and stopped. The deputies noted the suspect (Woodrow Player III) and vehicle matched the description of the crime information and pulled in behind the suspect's vehicle. Immediately the deputies could see the suspect leaning forward for several moments as if he was attempting to retrieve or stash an object under the front driver's seat. The deputies believed due to the nature of the call the suspect might be arming himself.

Suspect Player then quickly exited his vehicle as deputies ordered him back inside and to show his hands. He refused and advanced on deputies with his hands raised above his head. As Suspect Player arrived between his vehicle and the patrol vehicle, he raised his arms, took a few small steps to his left (northbound) then ran northbound on New Hampshire Avenue.

Deputies Carpenter and Galvez initiated a foot pursuit and noted the suspect was holding on to his waistband as if trying to keep what they believed was a gun from falling out, as he ran northwest across Imperial Highway, nearly being struck by several vehicles traveling on Imperial Highway. As the suspect ran into the north/south alley, north of Imperial Highway and east of Berendo Avenue, he turned and pointed what Deputy Galvez believed was a black handgun in his right hand. Although Deputy Carpenter did not see what was in Suspect Player's right hand he heard gunshots which he believed were being fired from Suspect Player. Fearing for their safety, both deputies fired three to four bullets each at Suspect Player. The suspect turned west through an apartment access point and ran to a wrought iron fence. As the suspect climbed the fence, he turned and, with his right hand, pointed what deputies believed was the black handgun at them. Fearing for their safety, both deputies fired four to five bullets at the suspect.

Suspect Player sustained gunshot wounds to the right forearm, right biceps, and upper torso. He was pronounced dead at the scene. For details regarding the bullet strikes, refer to pages 110 through 154 in **Exhibit A**, the autopsy report.

A .357 caliber Colt handgun with six live .357 rounds was located under the driver's seat of the suspect's vehicle. Nine expended 9mm casings and seven .45 caliber shell casings were recovered from the scene. A black cellular telephone was also recovered from the ground underneath Suspect Player. No other suspect firearms were located.

> **IAB Note**: Based on two witnesses who said they saw Suspect Player fire a weapon at the deputies, Sergeant Haynes asked Homicide Bureau Detective Quilmes Rodriguez if the suspect's cellular telephone had camera capability, and if so was it checked to see if Suspect Player was possibly taking flash photographs of the

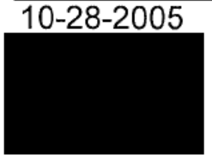
deputies during the foot pursuit. The cellular telephone was examined by the crime scene Homicide Bureau investigator, Detective Dawn Retzlaff, and she confirmed the only photographs on the suspect's cellular telephone were of his children.

WORK HISTORY

Deputy Galvez:

Date of Employment:	09-23-1999
Date Assigned to Patrol:	04-07-2006
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Deputy Carpenter:



Date of Employment:	09-22-1999
While at NCCF worked OSJ	[redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol:	10-28-2005
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Woodrow Wilson Player III, deceased, MB/22, DOB: 05/14/87
[redacted]

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Suspect Player had an extensive criminal history. He was an admitted "Pimptown" gang member in the early 2000s. His Pimptown moniker was "Lil Spook." He became an admitted member of the "118th Street East Coast Crip" gang in 2004. His East Coast Crip moniker was "Casper," as well as "Junior" and "Crip Face." He had numerous East Coast Crip tattoos on his body. He has numerous [redacted]

Refer to pages 156 through 194 in **Exhibit A** for complete criminal history, booking photos and charges.

NON DEPARTMENT WITNESSES

The neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses by Sheriff's personnel. Refer to supplemental reports pages 13 through 29 in **Exhibit A**.

IAB Note: For witness statements conducted by Homicide Bureau detectives refer to pages 31 through 91 in **Exhibit A** for a summary of their statements. Refer to transcribed verbatim interviews for witnesses in this case file. In a non-recorded interview with Sergeant Haynes, Paramedic Kevin Doss #[redacted] from Engine Company #14 said he responded and treated the suspect at the scene. Upon his arrival he observed Suspect Player hanging from the top of the fence by his pants and belt loop area. Paramedic Doss said he observed no outward signs of blunt force trauma. The suspect was removed from the top of the fence and cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered as well as an intravenous solution. Paramedic Doss said he observed several gunshot wounds to the suspect, who was subsequently pronounced dead after life saving efforts were stopped. In response to community concerns about deputies assaulting Suspect Player, Sergeant Haynes inquired and Paramedic Doss said no deputies struck Suspect Player's body in his presence.

HOMICIDE BUREAU/IAB INTERVIEWS OF INVOLVED EMPLOYEES

Deputy Galvez was interviewed by Homicide Bureau detectives. A summary of that interview is included in this case book in **Exhibit A**, pages 46 through 51. Also, refer to transcribed verbatim Homicide and Internal Affairs Bureau interviews for Deputy Galvez in this case book for further information.

Deputy Carpenter was interviewed by Homicide Bureau detectives. A summary of that interview is included in this case book in **Exhibit A**, pages 51 through 55. Also, refer to transcribed verbatim Homicide and Internal Affairs Bureau interviews for Deputy Carpenter in this case book for further information.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Refer to pages 74 through 101 in **Exhibit A** for supplementary reports and evidence lists resulting from the field investigation. Refer to pages 102 through 109 in **Exhibit A** for diagrams of the scenes.

INVESTIGATORS' OBSERVATIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants walked through the crime scene with Homicide Bureau Investigators, and there is nothing to report beyond what was reported and documented during the Homicide Bureau investigation.

IAB Note: The secondary location where the suspect died was not reviewed due to Homicide Bureau maintaining the integrity of the scene. Refer to the compact disc with the scene photographs and the aerial view of scene, page 155 in **Exhibit A**.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Galvez fired nine rounds of Department-issued 9mm ammunition from his Department-issued model 92FS 9mm semiautomatic Beretta pistol, serial #BER11234B, with detachable tactical flashlight.

Deputy Carpenter fired eight rounds of Department-approved .45 auto caliber ammunition from his model USP, .45 caliber H&K pistol, serial #[redacted]. Deputy Carpenter was certified to carry this weapon on April 9, 2004, [redacted]

> **IAB Note**: A later examination of scene evidence revealed seven expended casings which were attributed to Deputy Carpenter's pistol. Refer to **Exhibit A**, pages 100 and 101 for a summary of the weapons used by deputy personnel. In a non-recorded interview, Firearms Examiner Deputy David Kim was questioned by Sergeant Haynes regarding the trigger pull on both weapons used by deputies. He confirmed that both weapons were within factory specifications and and did not appear to be altered or modified to reduce the trigger pull weights.

WEAPON RECOVERED IN SUSPECT VEHICLE

One Colt, model King Cobra, .357 magnum caliber double-action revolver with serial #[redacted]. This revolver was collected with six .357 magnum caliber cartridges bearing headstamp "Federal .357 Magnum" loaded in the cylinder. Refer to pages 74 through 101 in **Exhibit A** for further details.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Refer to pages 97 and 98 and 102 through 109 in **Exhibit A** for details of property damage.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

Homicide Bureau Detectives Quilmes Rodriguez and Robert Harris.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during darkness in the summer in Los Angeles County on July 10, 2009 about 2046 hours. The area was illuminated by street lights and lights from the apartment building at the location of the shooting. According to sunrise/sunset information in **Exhibit B**, the shooting occurred during nautical twilight in Los Angeles, wherein "it is too dark to do outdoor activities without additional light."